PRESIDENT: If there is any dispute about it, it might be referred to a Select Committee.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to move that the Land Conservancy Bill may be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the Deputy President, Mr. M. K. Nilakantan, Mr. Chazhikkattu Joseph, Mr. R. Madhavan Nair, Mr. P. K. Kunju, Mr. P. C. Adichan, Mr. P. K. Atchuthan, Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon, Mr. N. D. Parameswaran Namboodiri, Mr. E. K. Madhavan and Mr. P. Kochukrishna Pillai:

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: I second it.

The motion was carried.

THE TRAVANCORE CIVIL COURTS ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to introduce the Civil Courts Act (Amendment) Bill and move that the Bill be read in the Assembly.

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: I second it.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: The Bill empowers Government to constitute Small Cause Courts in important commercial centres where they are considered necessary, with powers to deal with cases of the value of up to Rs. 500. The Bill has been introduced on the recommendation of the High Court which considers that it will be conducive to the speedy disposal of commercial and money suits in important centres like Trivandrum and Alleppey if the jurisdiction of Small Cause Courts is raised to Rs. 500 and a special grade of Courts is established. The Bill also contains a special chapter with regard to the recovery of immoveable properties. A speedy remedy is provided for the recovery of immoveable properties in the possession of the tenants whose terms have expired. That provision has also been included on the recommendation of the High Court.

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: I second the motion.

The motion was carried.

Short title of the Bill: The Civil Courts Act (Amendment) Bill.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: I move that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following persons:

The Deputy President.
Messrs. V. Sridharan Pillai.
V. Gangadharan Nair.
P. K. Kumaran.
K. Varughese Ithac.
G. Parameswaran Pillai.
P. M. Varghese.
D. Thomas.
K. R. Narayanan.
V. Madhavan and
S. Thiraviam Nadar.

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MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN: Under Section 19 of the Legislative Manual, when a Bill is referred to a Select Committee, the members thereof have to be nominated by the Assembly and not by the Legal Remembrancer as a matter of rule.....

PRESIDENT: If honourable members are not sufficiently alert, it is open to any member to say 'I propose that these people should be appointed to the Committee.' It is also quite open to members to object to any or all of the names suggested. But if honourable members do not do so in time, they cannot complain.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN: I would suggest that the name of Mr.Yesudian may also be included.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: There is no objection to include that name.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH: I propose the name of Mr. Nilakantan also.

PRESIDENT: The names of Messrs. Yesudian and Nilakantan will be added to the other names. If hereafter any member wants to add or subtract he may speak out.

SAHIB BAHADUR K. A. MOHAMED: On a point of order, Sir. May I know whether it is proper to elect a member, who is not present, to a Select Committee?

PRESIDENT: What is the difficulty about it?

SAHIB BAHADUR K. A. MOHAMED: How can we be sure whether it will be convenient for him to attend the committee?

PRESIDENT: If he does not attend, the matter will be considered by the others.

THE TRAVANCORE LIMITATION ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to move that the Bill be read in the Assembly.

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: This Bill is intended to give protection to persons who have been stranded in enemy territories and to give a concession in their favour so that they may be able to file suits which have become time-barred otherwise.

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: I second it.

The question that Clauses 1 and 2 do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clauses 1 and 2 were added to the Bill.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: I want to add an explanation here. I move that the following explanation be added: 'The expression enemy or enemy-occupied territory shall mean any area which Our Government may, by notification in Our Government Gazette, declare to be enemy-occupied territory for the purposes of this Section;

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